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LIFE AS A SAILOR.

How I Shipped on a California Clipper in '56.

LOG BOOK OF PRENTICE MULFORD

First Hour on Board—On the Wharf a Freeman, On the Deck a Slave—My First Essay in Navigation—I Haul My Supervisor Overboard.

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PRENTICE MULFORD.

I.

In 1856 I shipped "before the mast" on the A 1 first class clipper Wizard bound from New York to San Francisco.

When I made up my mind to become a sailor, I had tried several of this world's callings and seemed to find none suitable. I had asked counsel of several elderly gentlemen in my native village as to the best way of securing all things needful during my sojourn in this world. They said many wise and good things. They looked wise and good. But really the wordy help they offered was unsatisfactory. So I cut the knot myself and said I would be a sailor. I explained to my male and female friends that I felt myself destined for a maritime career. I needed more excitement than could be got out of a shore humdrum life. The sea was the place for enterprising youthful Americans. The American merchant marine needed American officers and sailors. All heard me and agreed. No doubt it was the best thing. And I talked on and they agreed with all my arguments. How people will agree with you when it's all one to them what you do! I was eighteen and in most respects a fool, including this—that I did not know it.

The Wizard, on which I shipped with five other boys from my native town, was a first class clipper. She was a fine thing to look at from a distance, either as she lay at anchor, the tracery of her spars and rigging in relief against the sky, or speeding along under studding sails rigged out on both sides. But once on board and inside her symmetrical lines, things were not so beautiful. Those white, cloud like sails tore men's fingers as hard and heavy with ice or snow, the sailors tried to furl them. Those graceful, tapering yards, supporting the studding sails, strained and half crushed men's backs when lowered and toted about the deck. There were wooden belaying pins, iron marline spikes and other miscellaneous things to fling at men's heads by those in authority. Those cobweb like ropes had hard, thick ends lying coiled on deck to lash men's bodies.

We, the six boys, were obliged to leave our native heaths because there wasn't room for us on them to earn our bread and clothes. We were not clearly aware of this at the time, though an unspoken sentiment prevailed there, as it does in most of the older settled states, that the young man must move away to "seek his fortune."

The captain of the Wizard was from our native town. Therefore myself and the five other boys had shipped under him, expecting special favors. A mistake. Never sail under a captain who knows your folks at home. You have no business to expect favoritism; he has no business to grant it.

I was the last of the six young lubbers to leave the town for New York. On the morning of my departure the mothers, sisters and other female relatives of the five who had gone before discovered many other things which they deemed necessary for the urchins to carry on the voyage. So they bore down on me with them, and I bade most of these good people an earthly farewell, loaded down, in addition to my own traps, with an assorted cargo of cakes, sweetmeats, bed quilts, Bibles, tracts and one copy of "Young's Night Thoughts" for the boys.

I ate my last dinner as a free man at a Broadway restaurant, and then I went to the wharf where the ship lay. Already the tug was alongside, preparatory to hauling her out in the stream. I went up the plank and over the side. A gentleman in authority asked me, as I stepped on deck, if I belonged to the ship. I said I did. "Take off those togs, then, put on your working duds and turn to, then," he remarked. The togs went off. I put on my canvas pants and flannel shirt, the garb of sea servitude. Henceforth I was a slave. The ship just then was not a Sunday school nor a society for ethical culture. It was a howling pandemonium of oaths and orders. Fully one-third of the able seamen had not recovered from their closing out shore sprees, and had tumbled into their berths or were sprawled on deck drunk. Cargo in cases, bales, boxes and barrels was still rattled over the bulwarks and into the hold. Everybody seemed to be swearing—first, each one on his own private account, and secondly, all in one general chorus for mutual purposes. Many people seemed in command. I couldn't distinguish the officers of the ship from the stevedores. Still officers continued to turn up everywhere, and each officer ordered me to some particular and separate duty.

The world looked pretty black to me then. I wished there was some way out of it. Oh where the period between the foremast hand and the position of captain was only the duration of a thought. Here it was an eternity. Day dreams are short, real experience is long. But all this is often in youth a difficult matter to realize.

There came along a short, stout man with a deeper voice and more sonorous oath than anybody else. This was the fourth and last mate. It was a relief to find at last the end of the mates and to know the exact number of men legitimately entitled to swear at me. This gentleman for a season concentrated himself entirely on me. He ordered me with a broom and scraper into the ship's pig pen, which he argued needed cleaning. This was my first well defined maritime duty. It was a lower round of the ladder than I had anticipated. It seemed in its nature an occupation more bucolic than nautical. I would have preferred, also, that compliance with the order had not been exacted until the ship had left the wharf, because there were several shore visitors on board, and among them two of my intimate friends, who had come to see me off. There they stood, in all the bravery of silk hats and fashionably-cut attire, conversing on terms of equality with the first mate. They could talk with him on the weather or any subject. I, by virtue of my inferior position, was not at liberty to speak to this potentate at all.

I jumped into the pig pen. Thus destiny, despite our inclinations, forces down our throats these bitter pills. The fourth mate was not more than a year my senior. He stood over me during the entire process and scolded, cursed and commanded. My shore friends looked on from afar and grinned. Already they saw the great social chasm which yawned between me and them, and governed their actions accordingly. Already did they involuntarily patronize me. It requires a wise man to detect the wickedness and deceit in his own nature. Probably I should have similarly acted had our positions been reversed. The mate was very particular. He made me sweep and scrape every corner with an elaborate and painful accuracy. He sent me into the pig's house to further perfect the work. I was obliged to enter it in an almost recumbent position. The pig ran out disgusted. I scraped his floor in a similar mood. Thus commenced life on the ocean wave.

But I got even with the mate. Destiny made me my own involuntary avenger of the indignity put upon me. By indignity I don't mean the cleaning of the pig pen. That was an honorable though menial occupation—at least, in theory. Cincinnatus on his farm may have done the same thing. But I do mean the scurrility and abuse the young officer bestowed on me, while I did my best to execute his bidding.

I hauled the young man overboard about three minutes afterward, but he never knew I did it, and I never allowed myself to think of the occurrence while on shipboard, for fear the powers of the air might ventilate the matter. It came about in this way: A line was passed through a hawse hole forward to the tug, which was puffing, fretting, fuming, and churning with her screw the mud ooze and garbage floating in the slip into a closer fusion. My friend the mate stood on the forechains with the end of the heavy rope in both hands, trying to pass it to those on the tug. This line running through the hawse hole aft was lying near where I stood. Some one called out: "Haul in on that line!" I supposed that the order referred to me and the hawser lying at my side. So I hauled with all my might. I felt at first some resistance—something like a tugging at the other end. I hauled all the harder. Then something seemed to give way. It hauled easier. I heard, coincident with these sensations, a splash, loud cries, much swearing and the yell of "Man overboard!" I raised my head over the bulwarks and there was my mate, floundering amid dock ooze, rotten oranges and salt water. It was he who held the other end of the line, and my hauling had caused the center of gravity in his short body to shift beyond the base, and in accordance with a natural law he had gone overboard. He was the general cynosure of all eyes. They fished him out, wet and swearing. There was a vigorous demand for the miscreant who had been hauling on the line. I was as far as possible from the spot and kept myself very busy. [illegible] went below and changed his clothes. I was avenged.

We were towed into the stream and anchored for the night. To look at New York city, with its many lights and its thousands amusing themselves in various ways, from the ship's deck, without the possibility of joining them, was to feel for the first time the slavery of marine life. Emerging very early next morning from the "boys' house," I found everything in the bustle and confusion of getting under way. A long file of men were tramping aft with a very wet hawser. As I stood looking at them my ear was seized by our Dutch third mate, who accompanied the action with the remark, "Coons, I put you to work." He conducted me in this manner to the rope and bade me lay hold of it. I did so. I could have done so with a better heart and will had it not been for the needless and degrading manner in which he enforced his command. Most men do their work just as well for being treated with a certain courtesy of command due from the superior to the inferior.

PRENTICE MULFORD.

What Would Come Next.

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"But, sir, they are No. 2."

"What have you next to No. 2?"

"No. 1."

"And after that?"

"After No. 1, sir, you will want a dog!"

—La Voltaire.

MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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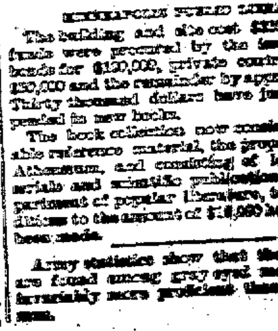
The library and art building erected by the city of Minneapolis was formally opened to the general public on Dec. 16. The institution, which will hereafter be a feature of the northwest, is a municipal affair created by the union of several societies with their treasures under one roof.

The Minneapolis Athenæum, the Minnesota Academy of Sciences and the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts have been the repositories for their respective departments, and the plan of a public library which culminated in the opening of Dec. 16, drew them together in a spirit of public enterprise. Some 50,000 volumes, numerous paintings and valuable scientific specimens now became accessible to the whole population free of expense.

The library is controlled by a separate board elected for the purpose, and not dependent upon the city council. The new building is of Lake Superior sandstone and red brick, is three stories above the basement, lofty and imposing, and is fireproof. Besides the arrangements for book delivery, reading and the display of paintings, there are accommodations for schools of art and science.



MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Army statistics show that the best shots are found among gray eyed men, who are invariably more proficient than dark eyed men.

AT SEA AT NIGHT.

Concerning the Use of a Rope's End.

LOG BOOK OF PRENTICE MULFORD

Outrageous Conduct of the Ship. Dido of the Atlantic Ocean—Mixture of Molasses, Salt Water, Boys, Boys' Clothing, Plum Cake and "Young's Night Thoughts."

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II.

THE first night out was fine. The Wizard slightly bowed to the ocean, and the sails seemed great black patches, waving to and fro against the sky. The six boys, so soon to be miserable, gathered in a cluster on deck. Jed Coles proposed that we "spin yarns." It was the nautically correct way of passing the time. So we "spun yarns," or at least Jed did. He had a batch ready for the occasion. He sat on a tub, put an enormous chew of tobacco in his mouth, hitched up his trousers and felt every inch a sailor. I noticed the second mate, that incarnation of evil and brutality, hovering about us, dark as it was. I saw his fiendish grin and the glare of his greenish eye. A precious lot of young fools we must have seemed to him. A little after our yarn spinning was interrupted by shrieks and cries of distress proceeding from the forward part of the ship. We had then our first exhibition of the manner of enforcing American merchant service discipline.

The second mate was beating Cummings, a simple being, who, having sailed only in "fore and aft" coasting vessels, had made the mistake of shipping as an ordinary seaman on a square rigged craft, and was almost as much at sea in his knowledge of the ropes as the "boys." This officer had singled out Cummings for his awkwardness as the proper man to "haze." He was showering upon him blows, thick and fast, with the end of one of the forebraces. It was the first time I had ever seen a man beaten by one in authority. The cringing attitude, the cries, sobs and supplications of a full grown man, and the oaths and terrible ferocity of his castigator, were inexpressibly shocking to me. The incident, which was often repeated during the voyage, broke up our amateur yarning and made us very [illegible].

Jedediah Coles was not at all nautically loquacious the next night. Then the Gulf Stream gave us a touch of its tantrums. All during the afternoon the sky grew more and more threatening. By dark it was blowing hard. The lighter sails one by one were stowed. Then it blew harder. The mate swore the harder. The captain came on deck and swore at everybody. One of the "boys" asked him if he thought it would be stormy. He considered himself privileged to ask the captain that question. He was a native of the same village. His father and the captain were friends, and his mother and the captain's wife visited each other. So he deemed it advisable to establish himself on a social footing with the captain at the commencement of the voyage. Poor boy! Never again during the trip did he consult the captain meteorologically. He learned speedily the great gulf which yawns between the cabin and the forecastle.

It grew dark, the waves became bigger and bigger, and the ship seemed taxed to her utmost trying to clamber them one after another as they presented themselves. The mates came out in their oilskins.

When the order came to reef, and I saw the men clambering up the fore and main rigging, I added myself to their number, though I felt I should never come down again—at least in one piece. It was my debut aloft off soundings. Many a time had I clambered about the rigging of the old whalers as they lay at the village wharf, but they were not roaring, kicking and plunging like this vessel. Heavy seamen's boots kicked me in the face as I followed their wearers up this awful ascent; other heavy boots trod on my fingers; they shook the ratlines, too, in a most uncomfortable manner. The mast strained and groaned fearfully. Somehow, after climbing over some awful chasms, I got on the yard with the men. I dared not go out far. The foot rope wobbled, jerked and gave way under me at times with the weight and motion of the men upon it. The great sail seemed in no humor to be furled. It hauled away from us, bellied, puffed and kept up a gigantic series of thundering flaps. Laying over on the yard the men would gather in as much of the hard, wet, wirelike canvas as possible and then together haul back on it.

This I objected to. It was risky enough to lay out on an enormous stick, sixty feet in the air, while the wind tore our voices from us and seemed to hurl the words far away ere they had well got out of our mouths, and the white topped waves, dimly seen below, seemed leaping up and snatching at us. But at that height, and amid all that motion, to balance one's body on the stomach, grasp with outstretched arms a hard roll of struggling, wet canvas, while the legs were as far extended the other way and the feet resting only against a rope writhing and wobbling and giving way here and there from the weight of fifteen hundred pounds of men unequally distributed over it, was a task and seeming risk too great for my courage. I dared do nothing but hold on. The conduct of the maintopsail was desperate and outrageous. It seemed straining every nerve—supposing, for the sake of forcible expression, that it had nerves—to pull us off the yard and "into the great deep."

I found myself between two old sailors, who lost no time in convincing me of my complete and utter worthlessness aloft. I concurred. They bade me clear out and get down on deck. I was glad to do so. Reefing topsails in reality was very different from reefing them in books or in imagination. On reaching the deck I concluded to lie down. All through the evening I had experienced an uneasy sensation in the stomach. I argued with myself it was not seasickness—something did not agree with me. But when I lay down in the scuppers I admitted being seasick. Then I only cared to lie there. Life was too miserable even to hope in. The tumult went on as ever. The sailors trampled over me. Being in the way, they dragged me aside. I cared not. Finally some one bawled in my ear, "Sick! go below." I went. The five other boys, all similarly affected, all caring naught for life or living, lay in their bunks.

The boys' house was about the size of a respectable pigpen—a single pigpen. There was room in it for two boys to turn at once, providing they turned slowly and carefully. On going on board we had bestowed such of our outfit as could be brought into this pen in the manner in which boys of 16 bestow things generally on first commencing to "keep house." Everything was arranged on a terra firma basis. We made no calculation for the ship's deviating from an even keel. When she did commence to pitch everything fell down. Clothing fell on the floor; plates, knives, forks, cups and bottles rolled from shelf and bunk; bread, meat, and the molasses kegs fell; plum and sponge cake, pie and sweetmeats fell; for each boy had a space in his sea chest filled with these articles, placed there by kind, dear relatives at home. It was intended that we should not refer to them until the ship was far advanced on her voyage.

But we never had such large supplies of cake and sweetmeats at hand before; so we went for these things immediately. The house abounded with them the first night out. The roof leaked. We left our sliding door carelessly open, and a few barrels of the ocean slopped over the bulwarks into the apartment. At midnight our combined clothing, plates, mugs, knives, forks, bottles, water kegs, combs, hair brushes, hats, pants, coats, meat, bread, pie, cake, sweetmeats, molasses, salt water, and an occasional seasick and despairing boy, united to form a wet, sodden mass on the floor two feet in depth. Above, the storm howled and swept through the rigging, with little sail to interrupt it. Six sick and wretched boys in their berths lay "heads and pints," as they pack herring—that is, the toe of one rested on the pillow of the other, for it was not possible to lie otherwise in those narrow receptacles for the living. But the horrors of that second night are not to be related.

No solicitous stewards with basins and tenders of broth and champagne attended us. We were not cabin passengers on an ocean steamer. Barely had the next morning's dawn appeared when our door was flung open. In it stood that dreadful second mate of the greenish eyes, hard, brick red complexion, horny fists and raspy voice—a hard, rough, rude, unfeeling man, who cried: "Come out of that! Oh, you're young bears—your troubles ain't commenced yet!" Then his long, bony arm gripped us, one after another, and tore us from our bunks. Out this dreadful morning we tumbled, in the wet clothes wherein we had lain all night, weak, sick, staggering, giddy.

A long iron hook was put in my hand and I was desired to go forward and assist in hauling along length after length of the cable, preparatory to stowing it away. Sky and sea were all of dull, monotonous gray; the ship was still clambering one great wave after another with tiresome and laborious monotony. All the canvas of the preceding day had disappeared, save a much diminished foretopsail and storm staysail. The mates on duty were alert and swearing. The men, not all fully recovered from their last shore debauch, were grumbling and swearing also. The cook, a dark hued tropical mongrel, with glittering eyes, was swearing at something amiss in his department. It was a miserable time. But a cure was quickly effected. In thirty-six hours all seasickness had departed. With the delicate petting process in vogue with wealthy cabin passengers it would have required a week. But we had no time in which to be seasick.

Life for us on board this ship was commenced on a new basis. We were obliged to learn "manners." Manners among modern youth have become almost obsolete. The etiquette and formality required from the younger to the elder, and common to the time of perukes and knee breeches, has now little place save on shipboard, where such traditions and customs linger. We were surprised to find it our duty to say "sir" to an officer, and also to find it imperative to recognize every order addressed us by the remark "Aye, aye, sir!" The sullen, shambling fashion of receiving words addressed to us in silence, so that the speaker was left in doubt as to whether he was heard or not, had no place off soundings. In short, we were obliged to practice what is not common now to many boys on shore—that is, an outward show of respect for superiors. If business called us to the "West End" of a ship, the quarter deck, our place was to walk on the lee side of that deck and leave the weather side the moment the duty was done. If sent for any article by an officer, it was our business to find it without further recourse to him.

PRENTICE MULFORD.

The Compound Microscope.

In Germany and Holland learned men are preparing to celebrate the invention of the compound microscope, which occurred in 1590, at the beautiful Dutch city of Middelburg. The idea of the instrument was originated by a firm of spectacle makers of Middelburg, Hans Zansz, or Jansen, as it is often given, and his son, Zacharias Zansz. It is not known whether it was the father or the son who first thought of using double lens, but probably it was the son. He made microscopes for several years of such excellence that they were not materially improved upon until the present century.

Every drop of water can be a microscope. This we often perceive when by chance a drop has exactly under it some small object with which we are acquainted. It is magnified by the liquid lens, as it would be by one of crystal.

The most ancient civilizations possessed the art of producing convex glasses with magnifying power, for they have been found in the ruins of their cities. Such glasses had, and still have, many important uses, but it was the combination of two lenses which began the development of that marvelous instrument of modern times, the compound microscope.

Why should men celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of such an invention?

The complete answer to this question would fill an encyclopedia in many large volumes. Take, for example, the art of healing, which has made more real progress during the last century than it had made before from the beginning of time. It is indebted for this advance chiefly to the use of the microscope, which has revealed essential facts as to the nature and causes of disease, and thus suggested both the means of avoiding and of curing it.

Botany, zoology, geology, chemistry, all are greatly indebted to this instrument, and the debt is increasing every hour. A pall of darkness would fall over the future of science if the microscope were stricken out of existence.—Montreal Star.

—Stickney, Bell & Co. have just received a stock of the Cortland county creamery butter that gave such excellent satisfaction last year.

HUMOR

Havoc Among the Dogs.

When Maj. T—— was appointed provost marshal on St. Helena Island, in front of Beaufort, just after the war, he found it inhabited by half a dozen whites, some 1,500 negroes and several thousand dogs. These dogs belonged to the negroes, half a dozen to a family, and were dangerous brutes, generally crosses between the mastiff and bloodhound. It was unsafe to dismount or enter a yard without first warning the inmates of the house of one's presence.

One day he started to enter a yard when he felt his hand seized. He looked down and there saw a big dog, which had taken his fingers in its mouth and was holding them, tightly enough to hurt without actually biting. As soon as he could he withdrew his fingers and reached around for his revolver. The dog was still menacing, and as Maj. T—— leveled the weapon the brute opened his mouth for a growl, which was never finished. The major dropped a forty-four bullet down his throat.

The provost marshal finally came to the conclusion that there were more dogs than there was any call for. So he sent up to Charleston and got a pound of strychnine, with which he doctored up about twenty pounds of meat chopped up into little cubes. Armed with this, he rode quietly over the island and gave a mouthful to every dog he met. If the dog was particularly noisy, he gave him two. Within the next twenty-four hours scores of excited negroes rushed in upon him.

"Marse T——, de dawg' all daid. Some pow'ful misory done tuck 'em un dey's dyin' obrywhar. I los' t'ree dawg. Sam Jenkin he done los' de bes' coon dawg on St. Helena. My boy Pete done los' all his'n. We dunnaw wat make of hit."

"The epidemic lasted three weeks," said the major to The Post. "I must have poisoned over 2,000 dogs. If the negroes had suspected me, my life would have been in danger."—Washington Post.

Forgot Himself.

With radiant smile and bewitching blush the beautiful heiress placed her hand in that of the ardent young foreign nobleman who knelt at her feet.

"I am yours, count," came softly from her lovely lips.

The count sprang to his feet in ecstasy.

"Zis ees ze happiest day off my life!" he exclaimed, in that charming accent that so delights the ear of the romantic maiden of America when uttered by a titled foreigner.

"My lofe," he said, drawing a ring from his pocket and slipping it on her tapering finger, "permeet me to present you zees leetle tokane off our enkachement."

And he tenderly jabbed a kiss upon it.

"Dear count," replied the blushing girl, "I will wear it forever. And now, in return, I know you will accept this ring from me, and wear it on your little finger."

The count took it. As he turned it about in his hand and inspected it, a dreamy, abstracted look settled on his face, and he murmured absentmindedly:

"Mees, I couldn't possibly let you haff more zan feefty cents on zis piece off chewelry!"—Chicago Tribune.

Important Discovery.

Benevolent Old Lady (to little girl)—My little dear, do you wash your face and hands every morning?

"No, mum."

"Good gracious! That's perfectly dreadful. Do you wash your face in the middle of the day?"

"No mum."

"Dear me! When do you wash yourself?"

"I never washes."

"Horrible! It is shocking how depraved the lower classes are! I must organize a society to see that children are properly washed. Tell me, little one, do you really never wash yourself?"

"No, mum, mamma washes me every morning."—Texas Siftings.

Where Was the Cat?

A cook who had burnt a piece of roast veal weighing four pounds threw it away, and afterwards explained to her mistress that the cat had eaten the meat.

"Very good," said the lady, "we will see that directly."

So saying, she took the cat, put it on the scales, and found that it weighed exactly four pounds.

"There, Frederike," she said, "are the four pounds of meat, but where is the cat?"—Kolner Tageblatt.

A Poser.

Bennie—Mamma, do people really buy babies?

Mamma—Of course, child, of course. Run out now and play.

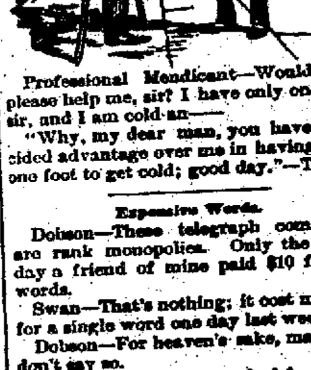
Bennie (in a brown study)—Then, why is it, mamma, that poor people buy more of 'em than anybody else?—Northwest Magazine.

Deafening.

Smith—What do you think of my new suit?

Jones—I can't hear myself think.—Clothier and Furnisher.

Comforting.



Professional Mendicant—Would you please help me, sir? I have only one leg, sir, and I am cold an——

"Why, my dear man, you have a decided advantage over me in having only one foot to get cold; good day."—Time.

Expensive Words.

Dobson—These telegraph companies are rank monopolies. Only the other day a friend of mine paid $10 for ten words.

Swan—That's nothing; it cost me $100 for a single word one day last week.

Dobson—For heaven's sake, man, you don't say so.

Swan—Fact; my wife asked for a sealskin, and I said "yes."—Kearney Enterprise.

A Possibility.

Mrs. Smitem—Bobby, you bad boy, have you been fighting with Tommy Slimson again? Dear, dear! I shall have to get you a new suit.

Bobby—That's nothing, ma. You ought to see Tommy Slimson. His ma may have to get her a new boy.—Clothier and Furnisher.

She Liked Them All.

He—I like parlor matches better than the ordinary kind.

She (nearly 30)—I like all kinds of matches, whether they are made in the parlor or not.—Yankee Blade.

A Better Pull.

"Do you expect a raise of salary on the 1st?" he asked as they came down town together.

"I do," was the confident reply.

"So you did last year at this time, but didn't get it."

"I know it; but circumstances are different now."

"Going to marry the old man's only daughter?"

"Better than that."

"Whew! You must have got an inside track."

"So I have."

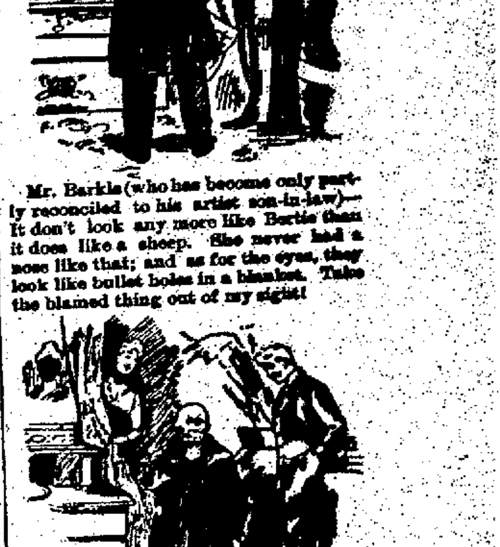
"What is it?"

"Last year he had three men of us who knew how to mix beans, chicory and coffee together to make O. G. Java. The other two are dead."

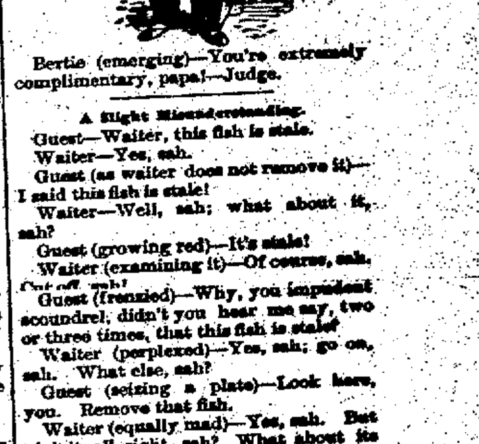
"And you?"

"A rival concern has offered me an advance of $5 per week. He must come up to it or I go. His only daughter! She isn't shucks compared to 65 per cent. adulteration."—Detroit Free Press.

One On the Old Gentleman.



Mr. Barkle (who has become only partly reconciled to his artist son-in-law)—It don't look any more like Bertie than it does like a sheep. She never had a nose like that; and as for the eyes, they look like bullet holes in a blanket. Take the blamed thing out of my sight!



Bertie (emerging)—You're extremely complimentary, papa!—Judge.

A Slight Misunderstanding.

Guest—Waiter, this fish is stale.

Waiter—Yes, sah.

Guest (as waiter does not remove it)—I said this fish is stale!

Waiter—Well, sah; what about it, sah?

Guest (growing red)—It's stale!

Waiter (examining it)—Of course, sah. Cut off, sah!

Guest (frenzied)—Why, you impudent scoundrel, didn't you hear me say, two or three times, that this fish is stale?

Waiter (perplexed)—Yes, sah; go on, sah. What else, sah?

Guest (seizing a plate)—Look here, you. Remove that fish.

Waiter (equally mad)—Yes, sah. But ain't it all right, sah? What about its tail?

Guest (suddenly catching on)—O-o-oh!—Lawrence American.

How Thankful We Should Be.

If furnace fires would not go out,
How thankful we should be.
If living high would not give gout,
How thankful we should be.
If messenger boys were only quick,
If all our kids were never sick,
If postage stamps we need not lick,
How thankful we should be.

If taxes were not quite so steep,
How thankful we should be.
If one could go to bed and sleep,
How thankful we should be.
If monthly bills would not fall due,
If friends would stick as well as glue,
If half our plans we could get through,
How thankful we should be.

If toothache was an unknown pain,
How thankful we should be.
If drunken men would not raise Cain,
How thankful we should be.
If water pipes would never leak,
If all the deaf and dumb could speak,
If servant girls had much less cheek,
How thankful we should be.

If fresh laid eggs were never stale,
How thankful we should be.
If ships would weather every gale,
How thankful we should be.
If inkstands did not get upset,
If money was not hard to get,
If we could sometimes win a bet,
How thankful we should be.
—F. E. Wolfe in New York Tribune.

Compressed Air as a Motive Power.

The use of compressed air as a motive power for tramways in France is extending. The system adopted is that invented by M. Mekarski, the director of the Nantes tramways, which have been opened since 1879. Two years ago the system was successfully applied on the tramways at Nogent, in the neighborhood of Paris, and more recently on those of Berne and Limoges. This year it is to be substituted for horse power on the tramways of Lyons. The inventor asserts that his system is far more economical than horse traction—the cost of coal per day of a machine equal to eight or ten horse power being only four shillings—much cheaper than electricity or steam power, and that the machinery is simple and does not require a skilled mechanic to control it.

The British consul at Nantes, in a recent report, states that "the tramways of that town, which are worked by the system of M. Mekarski, alluded to above, continue to give satisfaction. The cars are comfortable and run smoothly, with little noise. They do not interfere with the general traffic in the streets, and their immunity from accidents is remarkable. The average speed is about eight miles per hour; but it can be easily increased or moderated, and in case of need an almost instantaneous stoppage effected."—Once a Week.

Scientific Notes.

The use of peat fiber in making brown paper, wrappers, mill board, etc., has been introduced into a number of mills in England. It is claimed that by chemical treatment it is made stronger than wood pulp, at a saving of 50 per cent. compared with the latter.

The experiment of passing a current of electricity into the wheels of a locomotive engine, in place of sanding the track, is reported to have been tried with eminent success on one of the steepest grades of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

Low tension and copper cable is Dr. Leonard Waldo's proposed remedy for the dangers of electric lighting.

After three years of observation and experiment, G. H. Failyer, of Kansas, concludes that about three and a half pounds of nitrogen are annually added to an acre of soil by the rains.

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NOT the least useful lesson to be drawn from Judge Kelly's life is this: that he went to Congress a poor man and died a poor man. We are so often told in these times that poor men have no show of going to Congress that it is refreshing to have such a refutation of this doleful clamor as his public life affords. He was reared on the lap of hard and grinding poverty and he made his way to the front solely by force of his brains.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

IT is a sad demoralizing feature of the influenza epidemic in Paris, that ladies and gentlemen very partial to alcohol ……, while those leading temperate lives were the worse sufferers. Physicians noting this immediately advised the use of warm alchholic drinks, with the result that 1,300 persons were arrested in the streets within three days for drunkenness. Of this number 1,300 declared that they were simply following the treatment prescribed for influenza.

WALKER BLAINE, eldest son of Hon. James G. Blaine and Solicitor of the State Department, died at his home in Washington of acute pneumonia, on Wednesday evening of this week, at 3 o'clock. Around his death bed were Secretary and Mrs. Blaine, his brothers Emmons and James, and Miss Dodge. He was 33 years old, a young man of ability, possessing many of the attributes of his distinguished father. His death is a severe blow to his family and to a large number of friends throughout the country.

THE Treasurer of Tioga county gives bonds in the sum of $50,000 to indemnify the county, and $5,000 to indemnify the State against loss. Tioga is a more populous county than McKean and her Treasurer undoubtedly handles considerably more money than the Treasurer of this county, yet the bonds required of the latter for State security is four times greater in this county, and for county security, including the poor district, more than double that of Tioga. Either the one is ridiculously small or the other is ridiculously large.

SENATOR JOHN E. REYBURN will be the successor of the late Congressman Kelley in the House of Representatives at Washington. He is 45 years of age, is in the full vigor of intellectual manhood and his long experience in the State Senate, one year as president of that body, fits him in an eminent degree for his new duties. The 4th district of Philadelphia will never have reason to regret its choice of a successor to the seat of the distinguished gentleman whose remains were taken to their last resting place in Laurel Hill Cemetery on Monday last.

CONGRESSMAN OSBORNE, from the Luzerne district, declares that he is a candidate in dead earnest for Governor, without Mr. Quay's leave or license. Says he: "I shall not canvass the State personally as I see Senator Delamater and General Hastings are doing, but shall rely upon my friends to look after my interests. I am a candidate as a Republican, pure and simple, standing on the merits of the case. I simply have an ambition to be the Governor of Pennsylvania. I don't propose to take part with any other condidate for any other office and I shall work for the nomination in a manly way."

A DISPATCH from Boston, of Jany. 13, says: "John D. Long, President, E. S. Converse, Treas. and Silas Barton Sec'y of the committee having in charge the arrangements for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held here next August, have issued an address to the people appealing for the cordial co-operation of all patriotic men and women in extending the visitors a genuine Massachusetts welcome, and in the work of securing accommodations for them. The committee expect 100,000 Grand Army men to be in the city during the encampment.

THE Cherry Creek, (Chautauqua Co.) *News*, is one of the cleanest, brightest and most intelligently conducted country newspapers which find their way to our table. It has always been a wonder to us how a town of Cherry Creek's size could support so good a paper, but its holiday number, which we intended to notice last week, cleared up the mystery. It was an immense four-page issue, illustrated with the photographs of its prominent business men and houses. Mr. Shultz is entitled to a great deal of credit in showing that he is publishing a paper in a live town whose business men appreciate his efforts.

THE Lancaster *Examiner* says that E. K. Martin, the slated candidate for Lieutenant Governor, "actively supported by vote and speech in 1872, Charles R. Buckalew, Democrat, for Governor, against General Jno. F. Hartranft, Republican; Charles S. Wolfe, Independent, in 1881, for State Treasurer, against Silas M. Bailey, Republican, and John Stewart, Independent, 1882, for Governor, against Gen. James A. Beaver, Republican." This is a beautiful record for a man to present for a nomination at a Republican convention who is asking for one of the best offices in the gift of the people. There was slight justification in a Republican kicking in 1882, but none whatever in a professed Republican voting for a Democrat of the Buckalew persuasion in 1872, against General Hartranft. But every intelligent politician of the State has known that for twenty years past Ed. Martin has been a kicker unless he could have his own way in Lancaster county.

IN speaking of the probable successor to the late Judge Kelley in the House of Representatives, the Philadelphia *Inquirer* of recent date has this to say: "Though some new names have been mentioned, Senator John E. Reyburn is still conceded first place in the race, and he is given a good lead, too. Senator Quay's wishes in the matter have not reached the ward leaders yet. Should he decide to take a hand in shaping the result he will have no difficulty in accomplishing whatever solution of the problem he may determine upon." In most of the Congressional districts of Pennsylvania the interference of Senator Quay or any other non-resident of the district, in the selection of their representative, would be considered the height of impertinence. The 4th (Philadelphia) district, so long represented by Judge Kelley, is one of the most intelligent and gives one of the largest Republican majorities of any district in the United States. It is not very likely the Republicans of that district will submit to any dictation as to who shall be their future representative, and it is much less likely that Col. Quay, the astute politician, will "decide to take a hand in shaping the result."

CALVIN E. BRICE, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and a New York millionaire, has just been elected a U. S. Senator from Ohio. It is a serious question whether he can take his seat, as he has not been a resident of Ohio for several years. On this question the Pittsburgh *Times* says: "Starting with the Constitution which declares that no person shall be a Senator "who shall not when elected be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen, it is asserted that the proof will be at hand to show that New York, not Ohio, is the State of which Brice is 'an inhabitant.' He has lived there for years. The question will hinge on the case of Platt, whom the New York Court of Appeals decided was a legal resident of Tioga county, although he had lived in New York for years. Therefore a man may actually be an inhabitant of one State while he is a legal resident of another. Where has Brice voted? The answer to that will be an important factor in deciding whether or not he is entitled to a seat in the Senate.

PHILADELPHIA is famous for the long terms of her congressmen. Kelley served 30 years; Randall 27; O'Neill 25; Harmer 17; Bingham 13. After Kelley, Randall and O'Neill are the oldest members in service of the House; next is Holman, of Indiana, when the honor again returns to Harmer.

SPEAKER REED'S VICTORY.

The two great parties in Congress, last Tuesday, locked horns on the adoption of rules. The issue was forced upon the House by a motion of Mr. McComas, of Maryland, to take up the district appropriation bill in the committee of the whole. Believing they had sure thing the Democrats were glad to meet the issue and got whipped for their pains.

The far reaching results of this proposed revision of the rules has been pointed out from time to time in these columns. One outcome of the fight is likely to be of special value to the Democrats by way of lesson not to attempt in the future to control the action of a body in which they have a minority. Parliamentary law is a subject which even the oldest members approach with a feeling akin to awe. Tuesday's battle was one that tested Speaker Reed's ability as a presiding officer. There were times when less determined men would have hesitated which course was the best to pursue, but at no stage of the combat was the Speaker at a loss to know the proper thing to do. At times the debate was unusually exciting and the Democrats unusually noisy, but they soon found there was a man holding the reins of government in the House who would brook no nonsense.

After the battle had been fought and won the Republicans crowded about the Speaker's desk and congratulated him upon the masterly way in which he had carried his party to victory, and then congratulated one another for having selected him as Speaker.—*Gazette and Bulletin.*

FROM THE BOODLE SCHOOL.

The Hon. Calvin S. Brice of Wall street, New York, will represent the State of Ohio in the Senate of the United States. He is a worthy successor of the Hon. Henry B. Payne. Both are graduates of the same school of politics—the boodle school. Senator Payne has never been heard from except to defend himself from the charge of purchasing his seat. Senator Brice will never be heard from unless, indeed, his right to occupy a Senatorial chair shall also be called into question. Both are men eminent among a certain class of millionaires, but small enough when in the company of real statesmen.

Unfortunately, Senator Brice will not be surrounded entirely by real statesmen. He will find in Washington many men of his own calibre in politics—men who have purchased seats because it has become a kind of amusement in recent years for millionaires to play at statesmanship. Silver kings and railroad wreckers and stock gamblers, when they have made their pile, turn with longing eyes to the Senate Chamber, and altogether too many of them find it possible to reach there. It is dollars against real merit and the dollars usually win the race.

Ohio might have redeemed herself had she selected a worthy colleague of John Sherman to succeed Senator Payne, but the boodle school has apparently got a firm growth in the soil of Ohio, and it is going to require herculean efforts to overthrow it. The election of Brice has only more strongly established it. An eminent line of boodlers has started upon a glorious career, and little short of a political revolution can check the descent of the Senatorial toga upon an illustrious following. Our sympathies go out to Ohio and, we might add, to New York also, for New York is about as much interested in the selection of Brice as is Ohio.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

COMPLIMENTARY.

The Committee on Naval affairs and the Committee on Public Lands are two of the leading, influential and responsible Committees of the House at Washington. Placing our member, Col. Watson, on both of these and well at the front, is complimentary indeed to him and the district he represents. Congressman Harmer, of Philadelphia, has served on the Naval Committee some 15 years and was Pennsylvania's representative in many leading, business matters. He aspired to the Chairmanship. To displace him entirely and place our member as the State's representative, is especially complimentary, particularly for a man who has not been a continuous member. It simply shows the prominent standing of our member among the leading minds of the House and the advantage to our District in having men of his prominence as our representative. When we want any thing done, we have the man who is able and willing to do it.—*Warren Mail, Jan. 1, 1890.*

GOVERNOR HILL devotes a considerable share of his annual message to the question of ballot reform. He strongly favors ballot reform with a big "I." He wants all of it except what all ballot reformers consider vital to the bill as a reform measure. He wants official and unofficial ballots and if he gets a bill with such a provision it will not be worth fighting for.—*Philadelphia Press.*

HON. WM. D. KELLEY died at the Riggs House, Washington, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 9th inst. aged 75 years.

LITERARY NOTES.

ILLUMINATED FOUNTAINS.

The electric light can also be made to give a very beautiful effect in illuminating garden fountains. For this purpose a chamber has to be excavated beneath them, and immediately under the jet a thick plate of glass is inserted, watertight. An arc-lamp directs its light directly through this plate into the column of water rising vertically above it, and the enclosed air, together with the broken surfaces of the jet, scatters this light in all directions, thus giving the liquid the appearance of being self-luminous. The color of the illumination is varied by means of tinted slides passed horizontally beneath the glass plate in the roof of the vault. A very handsome display of this description was made at the Paris Exhibition this year.—From "Electricity in the Household," by A. E. Kennelly, in January *Century*.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to Hon. Thomas A. Morrison, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, at the Court House in Smethport, Penn'a, on Friday, the 7th day of February, A. D., 1890, at one o'clock p. m., under the corporation Act of the year 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Fairview Cemetery association," the character and object of which is to maintain and manage a cemetery and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by said acts and its supplements.

SAMUEL W. SMITH,
Solicitor for Association.
Jan. 17—3t.

Auditor's Notice.

In re estate of E. V. Chadwick, deceased } In the Orphans' Court of McKean County.

ORDER OF COURT.

And now, to-wit: Jan'y 8th, 1890, E. L. Keenan, Esq., is appointed as Auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of the estate of E. V. Chadwick, deceased, as shown by the first and final account of said administrator. PER CURIAM.

McKEAN COUNTY, SS.:
1890, Jany 11th, Certified from the record.
J. M. McELROY, Clerk.
H. M. CROATE, Deputy.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that I will attend to the duties of the above appointment at my office, in Smethport, Pa., on the 5th day of February, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m., where all parties interested may appear or be forever debarred from sharing in the distribution.

Jan. 17—3t. E. L. KEENAN, Auditor.

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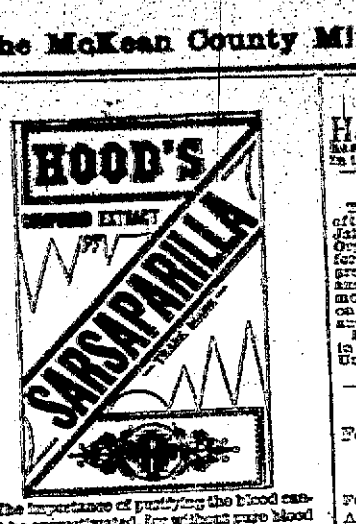

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Court Proclamation.

The Hon. A. G. OLMSTED, President Judge of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphan's Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean, has issued his precept, bearing date Friday, Dec. 13th, 1889, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, at the borough of Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 20th day of Jan., A. D. 1890, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, Pa., Dec. 30th, 1889, and in the 114th year of the independence of the United States of America.

W. R. CLARKE, Sheriff.

Trial List.

For Third Monday of January, A. D. 1890.

1. J. C. Nutting vs John Gnoel. No. 107, February term, 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit. Labor claim.
2. J. B. Phillips vs J. W. Beacom, No. 241 May term, 1889. Feigned issue. Plea filed.
3. Frank A. Howell vs A. T Nowell. No. 39. September term, 1888. Appeal. Plea—Nil debit.
4. A. H. Logan, Lewis Emery, Jr., and W. R. Weaver, partners under the firm name of Logan, Emery & Weaver, vs Pennsylvania Railroad Company. No. 138, December term, 1887. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit, payment and statute of limitation.
5. The First National Bank of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, vs George A. Berry and Lewis Emery, Jr. No. 160, February term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit, payment, set off with leave, &c.
6. The First National Bank of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, vs George A. Berry, F. E. Boden, T. J. Melvin and C. C. Melvin. No. 161, February, term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit, set of payment with leave, &c.
7. E. H. Hoag & Co. vs W. F. Ormsby. No. 81, May term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit, payment with leave, &c.
8. Grand Rapids School Furniture Company, a corporation organized and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Michigan. vs Otto School District. No. 85, May term, 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit.
9. John A. Turner and Robert Bishop vs The Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua Railroad Company. No. 220, December term, 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not guilty.
10. George P. Washburn vs Dwelling House Insurance Company by their agent, George H. Stuart. No. 291, December term, 1888. Appeal. Plea—Non-Assumpsit.
11. F. H. Bailey vs R. M. Waugh and George Porter, as firm of Waugh & Porter. No. 162, February term, 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non-Assumpsit.
12. F. H. Riley vs Michael Shafer. No. 18, May term, 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non-Assumpsit.
13. Joseph Cantner vs S. M. Jordan. No. 19, May term, 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non-Assumpsit.
14. J. W. Beacom vs R. M. Graham and J. B. Phillips. No. 202, May term, 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-Assumpsit, payment and set off.
15. W. A. Young vs R. F. Cory. No. 220, May term, 1889. Trespass. Plea—Not guilty.
16. William Hogan vs. C. L. Casterline, J. W. Baker, W. H. McHenry, E. F. Wyant and Wm. Chambers, partners doing business as E. F. Wyant, Frank French and James Gormley, partners doing business as French & Gormley, and C. E. Tucker. No. 270, October term, 1889. Trespass. Plea of not guilty for C. L. Casterline, J. W. Baker, Frank French, James Gormley.

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THOS. L. KANE, President.
HARRIET A. KANE, Secretary.
Dec 20—8t.

Stockholders' Annual Election.

TAKE NOTICE THAT A MEETING OF the Stockholders of the Smethport Water Company will be held at the general office of the company, in Smethport, McKean county, Pa., on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1890, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, for the election of Directors of said company.

ALVIN B. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.
Smethport, Pa., Nov. 15, 1889—td.

AND NOW, NOVEMBER 25th, 1889, it is ordered that the regular term of Court of Common Pleas, Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans' Court heretofore commencing on the fourth Monday of May, in each year, and continuing two weeks, shall hereafter commence on the first Monday of June in each and every year until changed according to law and continue two weeks.

PER CURIUM.

Attest:
J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.

Incorporation Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors, a meeting of the Stockholders of the Smethport Water Company will be held at the general office of the company, in Smethport, McKean county, Pa., (which is the office of A. B. Armstrong, the treasurer of the company), on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1890, at two o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of voting for or against an increase of the capital stock of said company from ten thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars, at which time and place all the stockholders of said company are requested to be present.

ALVIN B. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.
Smethport, Pa., Nov. 15, 1889.—td.

Notice.

MARY FAIRCHILDS, By her next friend T. G. Clark. vs CROWELL H. FAIRCHILDS. } Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. No. 223, May Term, 1889.

I have been appointed Commissioner to take testimony on part of the Libellant in above case, and will attend to the duties of my appointment at the office of G. B. McCalmont in the City of Bradford, Pa., December 27th, 1889, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 10 o'clock p. m. All interested may attend.

J. S. BARLOW,
td Commissioner.

Auditors' Notice.

H. Hamlin vs. Charles Nelson. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. Pa. No. 413, October Term, 1889. E. D. 126, October Term, 1889. No. 414, October Term, 1889. E. D. 127, October Term, 1889. No. 415, October Term, 1889. E. D. 129, October Term, 1889. No. 291, October Term, 1889. E. D. 137, October Term, 1889.

1889, Nov. 26. On motion E. L. Keenan, Esq., appointed Auditor. PER CURIUM

McKEAN COUNTY, SS.:
1889. Dec 18. Certified from the record.
J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.
W. F. SPECHT, Deputy.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of the above appointment at my office, in Smethport, Pa., on the 18th day of January, 1890, at 10 o'clock, a. m. where all parties interested may appear or be forever debarred from sharing in the distribution of the fund.

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Jan. 1, '90. JOHN W. BUCK, C. B. TYLER, } Members of Firm.

Notice in Divorce.

M. McIntosh by her next friend, J. R. Brown, vs G. W. McIntosh. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county. No. 138 May term 1889.

I have been appointed commissioner to take testimony on the part of the Libellant in the above case and will attend to the duties of my appointment at the office of Mullin & McClure, No 15 Main street, Bradford, Pa., on Friday, January 24th, 1890, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place parties interested are notified to attend.

T. F. MULLIN, Commissioner.

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Smethport, Pa., Jan. 17, 1890.

[illegible] Local Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ed. Miner:—Please announce my name as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican caucus. HORACE SPARKS.

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Ed. Miner:—Will you announce my name as a candidate for Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Democratic caucus. RICHARD GRIFFIN. Keating, Dec. 10th, 1889.

Ed. Miner:—Will you announce my name as a candidate for Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican caucus. H. K. MOORE. Smethport, Dec. 28th, 1889.

Ed. Miner:—I desire to announce through the columns of your paper that I will be a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township at the Republican caucus. C. W. FREEMAN.

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LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

The Nasal Mirage.

'Tis sad that in the vision flee the flower's proper hue,
That crystal pearls of poets are nought but drops of dew,
That the rose would smell as sweet to us by any other name,
That a mule would never kick us if we'd faith his heels were tame.
So let us not give way to ev'ry going little ill;
Stop gorging our interiors with nauseous quinine pill.
Stop imagining that death blasts float on ev'ry passing breeze,
Stop sneezing from mere habit, just 'cause other people sneeze!
—*Tom Harrington.*

Eldred has a five-barrel oil well.

Civil court convenes next Monday.

Deputy Sheriff Grubb was in Ceres on Tuesday.

Look out for D. C. Young's new advertisement next week.

The Mt. Alton letter arrived too late for publication this week.

The Lenten season begins on the 19th of February, this year.

H. A. Backus, of the MINER force, is confined to his bed with an attack of pleurisy.

W. L. Bartholomew of Hamilton township, made the MINER a call on Tuesday.

J. E. H. Hogan of Olean, representing Bell Bros., is at the Grand Central this week.

Miss Grace Davis of Warren, is a guest at the residence of L. Rogers on King street.

Hon. H. C. Stone of Oil City, secretary for the National Transit Co., was in town last Saturday.

Chas. A. Anderson, one of Colegrove's enterprising business men, was in town on Wednesday.

The late Franklin B. Gowan of Philadelphia, carried life insurance to the amount of $220,000.

Mrs. Pauline Lucas of Hinesdale, N. Y., attended the funeral of the late Joseph Lucas, last week.

Miss Edith, daughter of ex-County Treasurer Shoemaker, returned last Friday from an eastern visit.

W. H. Taylor, Esq., of Turtle Point, while in town on business last Monday made the MINER a pleasant call.

George Brownell can tell the exact number of ties on the W. N. Y. & P. RR. between Colegrove and Smethport.

The social of the Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. William Gifford, on King street, this Friday evening.

—Who would expect a paper to come out on time when the editor-in-chief and several of the office force were "gripped?"

The gulf stream theory as accountable for the remarkable summer weather than winter, is denied by the best authority.

—Sheriff W. B. Clarke and S. J. Gifford, a prominent lumberman of McKean county, are over from the county seat.—*Era.*

—The genial C. P. Byron, of Bradford was hovering around the county seat last Saturday, looking after his Smethport Gas Company.

—Mrs. G. M. Smith of Mechanicsburg, while starting for church last Sunday morning, slipped and fell, severely injuring her knee.

—Smethport Tent, K. O. T. M. will go to Bradford on Tuesday night, to attend the installation of officers of the Bradford Tent.

—The very recherche ball given by the Odd Fellows at the opera house, on Wednesday evening, was a social and financial success.

—Imitation maple sugar that looks, tastes and smells like the genuine is now made out of glucose and an extract obtained from hickory or maple bark.

—One would think that "Olean near Eldred" was the centre of the universe, to hear the newspapers talking about it in connection with the World's Fair.

—Ten weeks more work will probably be sufficient to make the Odd Fellow's Hall building ready for occupancy. The removal of a number of business places will then occur.

—The dwelling house of Mrs. H. S. Simpson of Simpson, was consumed by flames Tuesday morning, together with its entire contents. There was no insurance on the property.

—Commissioners' Clerk M. B. Greer has removed his family from Hale street to the W. H. Picard house on Green street, a very neat and pleasant residence recently purchased by Mr. Greer.

—Walster & Wood's livery stable was destroyed by fire in Bradford, last Tuesday with great loss to the firm, patrons, and adjacent business places. Five horses were victims of the flames.

—John, the son of County Commissioner Anglun, left for Bradford last Monday to accept a position in the Allegany Lumber Company's yards. John's many friends wish him success.

—Young men are advised not to be in a hurry about seeing the elephant, because the monster often lives 400 years, and when he steps on the young man's pocket book, he usually flattens it.

—F. W. Brownell, among other well-known lightweights was under the necessity of carrying a number six shot in his vest pocket last Monday to prevent aerial flight on the blasts of Boreas.

—Dr. J. T. Kelly of New York, is visiting at the residence of P. Ford, Esq. Mr. Kelly was adopted by Mr. Ford, and graduated years ago at Bellevue College, thereafter locating in New York.

—That successful cigar dealer and prince of good fellows, J. W. Weipper, of Port Allegany, authorizes us by letter to announce that he will be circulating around Smethport about the 21st inst.

—Theodore Messner, of Warren, representing the Pennsylvania Gas Company, was in the hub last Tuesday and made us a pleasant call. Mr. Messner thinks that Smethport is the prettiest town in Pennsylvania, barring Warren.

—L. J. Backer of Boston, the principal owner of the Smethport Bark Extract Works, is in the city, attending the stockholders' meeting of the B., B. & K. Railroad system and the Pennsylvania Lumber Storage Company.—*Star*, 13th.

—Wednesday's dispatches from St. Paul announce severe winter weather in the northwest. Blizzards raged in various sections of Minnesota and North Dakota. A little of that kind of weather in these parts would be gratefully received.

—Manager Kittredge has received information from H. C. Wilwer, of his inability to appear at the opera house to-night and to-morrow night as advertised. The reason given is that his company has been attacked by the never-failing grip.

—Some people can find a good many flaws in other people, but they can never see any flies on themselves. The foregoing original idea is not an innuendo directed against those who cling to barndoor pantaloons, although it might apply very appropriately to a certain element of them.

—Chas. Cleary of Lock Haven was sentenced to death by Judge Mayer on Oct. 6th, after his counsel's motion for a new trial had been overruled. Cleary is 20 years of age, and was convicted at the May term of Clinton County court for the murder of Policeman Paul at Renova, a year ago.

—The stereopticon entertainment to be given at the opera house next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by the Johnstown Flood Exhibition Company, promises to be a rare treat. An entertainment of that character is always interesting, and this company comes highly recommended. Don't fail to be there.

—The Star of Bethlehem will again be visible this year, being its 7th appearance since the birth of Christ. It comes once in 315 years and is of wonderous brilliance for the space of three weeks; then it wanes and disappears after seven months. It will be a sixth star added to the five fixed stars in the constellation Cassiopea while it remains in sight.

—Mr. L. V. Harm, well known in this section, formerly with the press of Kansas, and late editor of the Canadian *Free Press*, one of the best of Texas weeklies, is at present engaged with the circulation department of the Fort Worth *Mail*. "Lew" is a successful Texas journalist. There may be a chance for some more McKean county people in the far southwest.

—Several thousand feet of lumber was carried from Gifford's lumber yards on Mechanic street last Monday by the heavy wind, and scattered promiscuously about the neighborhood. No one was injured. These same boards once helped to defy the howling blizzard, in shape of virgin hemlocks and preserved a uniform climate where now an almost ruinous one prevails.

—A medical journal says: "In this age of hurry and worry, with its consequent nervous exhaustion, of which so much is now heard, the necessity of taking sufficient sleep cannot be insisted upon too forcibly. To lay down any hard and fast rule for its regulation is not possible, for, naturally, brain workers require more than the drones of society; in fact, every brain worker, if he wishes his powers to last, should take from eight to nine hours sleep out of every twenty-four."

—Rubbers are of inestimable value in wet weather, but they should be instantly removed when the walks become dry. Being water proof, they prevent the escape of the natural exhalations of the skin, and being non-conductors, they oppose the passage of electricity from the earth to the body. Wet feet resulting from confined perspiration are often more injurious than an unprotected exposure to the elements would be. Rubbers, like umbrellas, should be used only transiently.

—One of the gentle zephyrs of Monday last lightly lifted fifteen yards of sidewalk from terra firma just west of the opera house, and dropped it in a French Revolution barricade position across Main street. One Fred Cleveland of Farmers Valley, was unfortunately on the walk at the time, and was landed in the middle of the street severely hurt. He was carried into the Wright House, and a physician was summoned, when it was found that his back was injured. His recovery is assured.

—The obituary notice of Eliza M. Fraley, kindly furnished us by a Mt. Alton subscriber, we regret to state, arrived too late for publication in this issue. The deceased, who was the wife of Thos. H. Fraley and daughter of Joseph and Eliza Barnes, of Hamlin township, died at her home in Mt. Alton on January 9th, at the age of 29 years, and in the presence of her devoted husband and daughter Hattie. She was universally beloved by a large circle of friends and relatives who mourn her death. Mr. Fraley has the sympathy of the entire community.

—We do not want to appear greedy, but consider that it would be in keeping with the world-wide custom, and would be some slight recompense for the continual service rendered gratis to the community, for us to receive an occasional complimentary ticket in return for complimentary notices which are continually appearing in the columns of the MINER. Of course we do not begrudge an occasional dollar or two for charitable purposes, but cannot understand why we have less privileges than the newspaper fraternity of the rest of the world. In the future there will be no more advertising done unless two or more tickets are forthcoming, by jingo.

—An aged colored gentleman known as "Uncle Tom" was foully murdered at the opera house on Saturday evening by a very tough slave driver who had a "pull" and a heavy horse whip. An innocent little girl who loved Tom more than she did her own mamma, also died and caused a feeling of sorrow to locate itself within the bosoms of several sympathetic people in the audience. The actors and actresses were the most "shiftless" crowd of performers exhibited at the opera house in many a day. It was no wonder that the little girl died. That company would kill anything.—*Era.* If there has been a blood-hound company in such near proximity to Smethport, it is strange we have not heard the fluttering of "Little Eva's" golden wings. Would they might waft her up the flue of the "cabin" never to return her.

—The Philadelphia *Times* says: "The local newspapers of Pennsylvania are the most creditable of any published in the country, and they are rapidly growing in prosperity and power. They have done their part to advance their respective sections, and it should ever be remembered that their usefulness is just commensurate with their patronage. The city journal, so far from attempting to retard the local journal, always profits by the prosperity of the local newspapers, for they steadily educate their readers to greater needs in newspapers, and thus multiply the demand for metropolitan journals as the local journals multiply their readers. The local newspaper is the backbone of the community, and generous as is the public appreciation of its offices, it merits much more sympathy and support than it generally receives." This is quite condescending in a metropolitan paper.

—Notwithstanding that imagination plays a leading role in the ills that flesh is heir to, it is ridiculous for newspapers and people generally to assume that two-thirds of the cases of the prevailing sickness attributed to influenza, is not due to that enervating epidemic. The disease is general, it exists almost everywhere, attacking some with a less degree of malignity than others, but in all cases being the genuine La Grippe. There is no doubt that a full-grown week of good, old-fashioned blizzard weather would loosen the grip of La Grippe on suffering humanity in this locality. The grip, as shown by scientists, is caused by microbes bearing a very close resemblance to the microbes of pneumonia and consumption. This fact alone, so medical men say, should prompt everybody affected, to combat early against a possible fatal disease. The most successful battle that can be waged against the grip microbe, is a generous indulgence in pure oxygen, and the oxygen can be obtained by inhaling bountiful supplies of fresh air.

OBITUARIES.

Joseph Lucas died at his home on Marvin creek in Keating township, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1890, aged 80 years.

Mr. Lucas was born in Cortlandt, N. Y., on the 30th day of September, 1809. He came to this county in 1832 and located at Teutonia, the German settlement of Sergeant township. The following year, in 1833, he married Ormanda Bishop, a daughter of Judge Bishop, who owned the farm opposite where Clermont is now built, and whose premises were known for many years as "Bishop's Summit." The wife and one child, Ira Lucas, of Keating township, survive him. About the year 1854 Mr. Lucas bought a portion of the Barrett farm on the west side of Marvin creek, about three miles from Smethport where he moved his family and where he continued to reside up to the day of his death. He was a highly respectable citizen, upright in his dealings with his fellow men, and for many years has been a consistent member of the Baptist church of this place. The funeral exercises were held at his residence on Thursday afternoon last and were conducted by Rev. Lukens of the Baptist church, many of his friends besides the immediate relatives being present. The remains were taken to the Clermont cemetery for burial.

Died at his home in Ebensburg, on Sunday, January 5, 1890, Mr. Thomas Griffith, aged 71 years.

The deceased was born October 20th, 1818, about half a mile south of Ebensburg, on a farm that he owned at the time of his death, and where he continued to reside up to until a few years ago when he purchased a property on High street and moved thereto. He was an active, energetic, clear-headed business man and at the time of his death was the wealthiest man in northern Cambria. Early in life he turned his attention to the lumber business, having a water saw mill on his farm and in time he increased business, which under his keen foresight and management continued to grow until he was one of the largest lumber dealers in Pennsylvania, manufacturing and buying up immense quantities of lumber in this county and having extensive mills in McKean county where he manufactured largely. His lands in McKean county being in the oil territory, he became interested in the oil business, having a number of wells on his land, which largely increased his fortune. He was a Republican in his political convictions, and in 1862 was the nominee of his party for Sheriff of this county, was elected, served his term with credit and was a popular officer. He, however, had but little inclination for politics and followed his business with an energy that gave but little time to other pursuits. Quiet and unassuming in his manners, charitable and kind in his disposition, his death will be mourned by many sincere friends. Mr. Griffith leaves to survive him three sons, Hon. John T. Griffith of Kane, McKean county, a member of the Legislature from that county; Dr. Abner Griffith and Webster Griffith of Ebensburg, and one daughter, Annie, wife of Prof. F. A. Lyte of Kane. William, eldest son of Mr. Griffith, died in Kane a few years ago leaving a widow and one daughter, who resided with Mr. Griffith. His remains were taken from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon to the Congregational church in this place, of which he was a member, where the funeral services were held and then conveyed to Lloyd cemetery. Peace to his ashes.—Cambria (Pa.) *Freeman.*

The B., B. & K. System.

The annual election of officers of the B., B. & K. Railroad system was held at the office of the company Monday. It was the largest meeting of stockholders in the history of the road, that is, there was a greater amount of stock represented and a keener interest manifested in the election of officers than ever before.

It was rumored early in the morning that a majority of the stock had been accumulated in the hands of certain parties who would insist upon a change of management. These rumors, however, proved to be groundless. The fact is that the roads have been making money during the past year and thus have attracted the attention of capitalists who have been only too willing to secure the stock. But they were wise enough to insist upon the retention of the management which has proven so advantageous to the interests of the roads. With the exception of the first year after construction the roads have never been so prosperous or so well managed as during the past year.

The B. B. & K. system without Col. J. J. Carter at its head would hardly be recognized, and it is safe to say that without his able management of the past years they would not be the good paying properties they are to-day. The stockholders realize this fact and at the meeting to-day not only re-elected him to the Presidency of both roads, but after a careful examination of their management and condition passed a unanimous vote of thanks to him and his able assistants.

Following is a list of the officers elected:

BRADFORD, BORDELL & KINZUA.

President—J. J. Carter.
Vice President—W. W. Brown.
Directors—John E. Ransom, of Buffalo, N. Y.; A. S. Murray, Jr., of New York, N. Y.; John C. Havemeyer, of New York, N. Y.; Aug. Stein, of New York, N. Y.; M. L. Hinman, of Dunkirk, N. Y.; W. W. Brown, of Bradford, Pa.; A. I. Wilcox, of Bradford, Pa.; Geo A. Kelsey, of Titusville, Pa.; Jno. C. McKenna, of Bradford, Pa.; John J. Carter, of Titusville, Pa.

BRADFORD & SMETHPORT.

President—J. J. Carter.
Vice President—A. I. Wilcox.
Directors—J. J. Carter, J. C. McKenna, W. W. Brown, G. L. Roberts, A. I. Wilcox, J. E. Ransom, M. L. Hinman, L. J. Backer, Aug. Stein.

The other officers of the roads elected are as follows:

Superintendent—J. C. McKenna.
Treasurer—C. T. Griggs.
Secretary—J. E. Ransom.
Auditor—W. H. Luffenbach. —*Star*, 13th.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of Clermont Lodge, No. 999, I. O. O. F., held on Saturday evening last, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-wise Providence to remove from our midst our well-beloved brother, Peter Martin, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Martin this Lodge has sustained the loss of one of its members who could least be spared; that every member feels that he has lost a true friend, and we sincerely mourn his death as one which has cast a gloom over our meetings. Brother Martin was a true Odd Fellow, a citizen who enjoyed the fullest confidence of the entire community, and an exemplary husband and father.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved widow and child of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy, and we earnestly trust that they may be sustained in their hour of trial by the Supreme Ruler on high.

Resolved, That the charter of this Lodge be draped for a period of thirty days; that these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Lodge, and printed in the McKean MINER, McKean Democrat and Odd Fellows' Ring.

J. H. TATE,
JNO. O. SONBORGH, } Committee.

Equitable Aid Union.

We are very much pleased to announce that Dr. R. N. Seaver, Supreme President of the E. A. U. of America will visit Smethport on the evening of Feb'y 5th, when he will deliver an address showing the principles upon which is based the beneficial features of that organization. The address is not only highly instructive to those who are seeking information on the subject of life insurance, but is very entertaining. The meeting will be open to the public and all are invited to be present. In our next issue we will give the place of the meeting and full information as to the exercises. We announce it this week in order that the Unions in the surrounding country can make their arrangements to get here.

Death of C. H. Rifle.

Charles H. Rifle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Azra Rifle, died at his residence in this borough, after a lingering illness, on Friday last, at the age of 23 years. The immediate cause of death was consumption, from which disease he had been a sufferer for nearly a year. The deceased moved to this village about four weeks ago from Farmers Valley, with his wife and one child, who mourn the loss of a tender and loving husband and father. The funeral services were held at the church in Colegrove by Rev. T. W. Chandler of the M. E. church of this place, on Sunday afternoon last. The remains were interred in the Colegrove cemetery.

Stockholder's Election.

The stockholders of the Smethport Gas Company last week elected the following Directors for the ensuing year: C. P. Byron, H. McSweeney, Lebb. H. Rose, W. D. Gallup and A. B. Armstrong. The Board of Directors organized by electing C. P. Byron, President; A. B. Armstrong, Treasurer, and H. McSweeney, Secretary. Messrs. Byron, Gallup and Armstrong were appointed a committee on gas rates.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

BRADFORD.

H. S. Southard has disposed of his interest in the Bradford Paint Company to Drs. Baker and Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bixley are expected to return from their wedding trip this week. They will make the city their home.

A substantial iron bridge in the place of the dilapidated wooden structure on lower Main street would be a most excellent idea.

Our physicians are kept on the go night and day and as a consequence they begin to feel the need of rest from their arduous labors.

Navigation has been good for mud scows on Main street during many moons past. Evidently the weather has no respect for Bradford's paved streets.

Wm. Dixon, who is employed at Boviard & Seyfang's shop, had one of his thumbs so badly mashed last Friday that amputation was found necessary.

Henry George, the tax reformer, is booked for a speech in this city on Thursday evening of next week. He will undoubtedly be greeted by a large audience.

Monday's heavy wind leveled many oil derricks in this section, and there were several hairbreadth escapes in the city from the flying timbers coming in contact with houses close by.

Your correspondent happened in one of our drug stores the other day, and during his stay there were no less than ten calls for quinine. All of which goes to show that that drug is exceedingly popular just now.

The Methodist congregation are delighted in getting Rev. D. W. C. Huntington back again, and well they may be, as he is without a doubt one of the most scholarly and eloquent pulpit advocates connected with the Methodist denomination.

As a relic of the prehistoric ages Bradford's illusion depot may be an interesting example, but for all of that it is a disgrace to the city, and the sooner this eye-sore is removed the better. But will we ever be relieved of this dilapidated old shed?

J. C. Hood, a well known oil producer, died at No. 26 Chestnut street, Tuesday morning, at the age of 46 years. He has been a resident of Bradford for about ten years, and during that time had surrounded himself with a large circle of warm friends.

Notwithstanding there are numerous burglaries reported in the city, the light-fingered gentry appear not to make very heavy hauls for their pains. It is a great pity that some of these midnight marauders could not come in contact with a chunk of cold lead.

One of the darkest and most gloomy points in the city after night fall is in the neighborhood of the Main street crossing of the Erie. Indeed it is so dark in that section that lanterns have to be hung on the gates at the crossing to show the wayfarer where they are located.

It is quite probable that we shall have an exciting municipal election next month. There are a number of offices to be filled, and there will be a lively strife as to who shall fill them. Thus far the candidates have kept very low, but there is plenty of time yet to develope the fact that the woods are full of statesmen who are willing to serve the city in official capacity.

The members of St. Bernard's congregation have in contemplation the laudable enterprise of building a brick church which will not only be in keeping with the importance of this congregation, but an ornament to the city of Bradford. The proceeds of the fair which will be held next month will be used to further the undertaking. Our citizens should respond generously to this worthy enterprise.

There will be a large number of our citizens who will be both surprised and pleased to know that the steamer City of Bradford "was in first-class condition and always has been." It is strange that directly the contrary opinion should become so prevalent with many of our inhabitants, but perhaps this particular piece of fire apparatus has been playing "possum" all this time on an unsuspecting public.

The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the Commercial Bank of Bradford, to commence business. The officials of the new bank have purchased of D. O'Donnell his building on the corner of Main and Pine streets, which will be fitted up for the use of the bank. The location is a most advantageous one, and there is every reason for believing that this new financial concern will soon rank among the safest in the country.

It is expected that the new Commercial National Bank will be ready for the general transaction of business on March 1st. The new institution will be officered as follows: Robert F. Borckman, President; C. H. Lavens, Vice-President; F. H. Powers, Cashier. The Board of Directors will be composed of the following named gentlemen: C. H. Lavens, Alexander Urquhart, John E. Zook, J. C. Lineman, E. H. Barnum, J. H. Healey, Robert F. Borckman.

City Treasurer Lain informed your correspondent a few days ago that while it was true that he was being hurried up in some quarters to collect the city taxes, he was doing his duty in that line and that he would have the collections made within the specified time. Mr. Lain is a most gentlemanly official to transact business with, and all who know him have full confidence in his ability to carry out his contract to the letter, notwithstanding the seeming impatience in certain quarters.

Last Tuesday morning at about 3.30 o'clock fire broke out in the livery barn of Wood & Walster in the rear of the Masonic Temple. At one time the prospects for one of the most destructive conflagrations the city has been visited with for a long time were of the most flattering nature, but by hard work on the part of our superb fire department, assisted by the ever-reliable L. Emery, Jr. steamer, and a powerful stream from the the United Pipe Line pump, the fire was confined to the barn. One of the most difficult things to contend about the fire were the frantic horses. The poor animals were driven wild through fear, five of the number madly rushed into the fiery furnace and were burned to death. The proprietors of the barn place their loss at $5,000, with no insurance.

KANE.

A wonderful week.

Mr. LaGrippe called on nearly everyone in Kane.

Should there be no panic in cloth until Ben Hurt, of the Democrat gets a new suit, a panic in cloth would be like the letter that never came.

A number of young ladies in Kane hold in their hearts or hands the destiny of some ardent admirer.

Many of our leading citizens attended the funeral of Thos. Griffith at Ebensburg, on the 7th inst.

The St. Elmo Hotel has been much improved under the management of S. L. Vance, who has opened a fine restaurant in connection with the hotel.

Owing to the death of Thomas Griffith, the opera house in Kane will be closed for probably 30 days. Kelly's expectations did no show on the 8th inst.

A number of prominent men in Kane are now struggling with la grippe. Among them are C. H. Kemp, C. V. Gillis, F. W. Meese, Sr., F. W. Drayton and many others.

Our city dads are again wrestling with the water-plugs, and some of them will not approve of the measure unless the ——— asks them their advice about the matter.

The new oil strike on lot 161, three miles northwest of Kepston Station, has caused considerable excitement here. Horton, Crary & Co. are building a rig to the gusher or second 346.

Bart Leary, of Elmira, N. Y., was found dead Tuesday morning, the 7th inst., on the P. & E. R. R., near East Kane. It is thought he died of apoplexy. His remains were taken to Elmira on Tuesday evening, by his brother.

Mrs. Sarah Jacobson, of this place, was badly hurt in the Kane yards on Thursday, the 9th inst., by being struck by the shifting engine. She is attended by Dr. Preston, who has hopes of her recovery. No blame is attached to any of the railroad employes. Her escape from death was miraculous.

Thos. Griffith, who has been seriously ill for several months with that dreadful malady, Bright's disease, died at Ebensburgh, on Sunday, Jan. 5th. He was one of the most prominent and leading citizens of Cambria county, where he held the office of Sheriff and County Commissioner, and was well-known in Kane for the last 20 years. He has many friends here who sympathize with his sons J. T. and Webster, and his daughter Mrs. Frank Lyte, in their great loss.

HONEST RUBE.

KASSON.

Eben Pattison has returned from the oil field.

Mr. Joseph Barnes is visiting friends here at present.

Our excellent school is again open, with 13 scholars in attendance.

G. O. Graff, of Mt. Alton, called on his many friends here last Friday.

Mrs. Philip Hafner has returned from a two weeks' visit with her parents.

Mr. Orin Perry, who has been on the sick list for some time, is reported better.

Mr. Horace Stark and wife, of Coleville, are spending a few days with friends here.

Miss Frankie Perry, has returned home after a prolonged stay with friends at Clermont.

The children of Will Hafner, that have been on the sick list for the past month, are reported convalescent.

Mrs. Eliza Barnes has returned from Mt. Alton, where she has been attending her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Fraley, during her last sickness.

Mr. Zane Hoffman and family have returned from Smethport, where Mr. Hoffman has been receiving medical treatment for some time. I hear he has entirely recovered.

Will Kinney is back from Clermont, which he designates as the Mountain Oklahoma of McKean county, and speaks of business as flourishing. Glad to see you back, Will.

I am sorry to have to record the burial here of Mrs. T. Fraley, of Mt. Alton, on the 11th inst., after a long illness. Notwithstanding the very inclement weather, the remains were followed by a large concourse of mourning friends. The services were held at the Kasson school house by Rev. Bennett of Mt. Alton.

PUNCH AND JUDY.

ELDRED.

Dr. Sharp, of Austin, was in town Monday.

Miss Canfield is again able to attend to her school duties.

A. H. Wicks, of Friendship, was in town the fore part of the week.

C. W. Franklin went to Buffalo on business the early part of the week.

Dancing school opened Tuesday night after a vacation of several weeks.

J. N. Steckle departed for Buffalo Monday, where he will enter into business.

Timber is being drawn for the Steel well, No. 1, which is located on S. King street.

Mrs. Will Holmes and Mrs. Will Baker, of Port Allegany, were in town Saturday last.

The friends of Miss Sadie Douglass will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.

There was a small but pleasant gathering at the residence of H. E. Squires, on Monday evening. The occasion was to celebrate Mrs. Squires' birthday.

The dwelling house of Owen Charles, on South Main street, was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The firemen were slow in responding to the call, but did good work after they reached the scene of action.

NORWICH.

The week of prayer was observed in the Union church.

Our people have been grappling with the influenza of late.

Mrs. L. Hutchinson of Olean, is visiting her father, J. Sweeter.

Three funerals in less than one week is unusual for this place.

George Perry visited his father, who is seriously ill at Kasson, last week.

F. Windecher, who for some time has been employed in H. W. Heinemann's saw mill, returned to his home in Canada on Monday.

Miss Mary Cole of Port Allegany, dismissed the Hamlin school very suddenly last Friday to engage herself for a longer term, probably for life.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard and children of Williamsville, and C. A. Burdick and son Ralph of Smethport, attended the funeral of the late H. H. Dickinson here last week.

The funeral services of C. H. Rifle of Smethport, were conducted by Rev. T. W. Chandler in the Union church last Sunday, and were largely attended. The remains were buried in the Colegrove cemetery.

Mrs. Jacob Hendrickson did not live in the lumber woods near Smethport; did not die on the 7th inst., and was not aged "about 25 years," as stated in the Democrat of last week. She lived at Hamlin, in this township, with her husband and several children, and died on the 5th inst., aged 45 years. She was buried in the cemetery near the church, on Tuesday, 7th, Rev Hann, officiating.

J. W. Jolly, who for several years has been a resident of Colegrove, and has made many warm and lasting friends during his stay here, took his departure for Bradford on Saturday where he has been given a lucrative position by the S. T. Co. Mr. Jolly was the leader of the church choir here, in which he will be greatly missed as well as in the social circles in which he moved. A surprise party was given him the evening before his departure at which many of his friends were present. All expressed their regrets at Mr. Jolly's leaving.

N. W. H.

MT. JEWETT.

Mrs. E. B. McCoy was in Bradford last Friday.

Lawyer Bouton of Smethport, made our village a visit last week.

Our leading physician, Dr. VanSlyke, is busy night and day attending to his many patients.

Our town has not escaped the la grippe. The doctors report a great many cases of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cummings have returned from a visit to relatives in the east. Mr. C. is much improved in health.

The many friends of Mrs. T. H. Fraley are sorry to learn of her death, which occurred at Mt. Alton on Jan. 7th, after a severe illness.

L. L.

There are no flies on Mt. Jewett.

Great damage was done by Monday's gale.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hoover are housekeeping in the Thompson block.

The event of the season—A grand ball on the 24th inst. Everybody invited.

Miss Rose Allen of Allegheny, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gallup.

Miss Richards is convalescing and expects to open her school again Monday.

L. A. Great, of the Fairview House, is doing a fine business, as is also W. W. Brewer, of the Brewer House.

The dime social was well attended by the "o. p." Friday evening. However, owing to the atmosphere or cards the young people were not so numerous as heretofore.

FAITH.

CLERMONT.

The Clermont Odd Fellows will organize an encampment of their own next summer.

J. H. Tate and J. O. Sonborgh were unable to attend the I. O. O. F. dance Wednesday evening on account of la grippe.

Mrs. Hursted, mother of Mrs. J. W. Comes, died here on the 8th inst. She went to bed apparently well in the evening, but was found dead in the morning. Heart trouble supposed to have been the cause of death.

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In Memoriam.

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Fold me gently to thy breast;
Christ, the Saviour, calls me, mother,
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There in robes of dazzling whiteness,
I shall join the cherub band;
Midst the choir of ministering angels,
I will praise him harp in hand.

And when God calls thee, dear mother,
I will meet thee, side by side
We will cross the shining river,
Safe from this world's treacherous tide.

Lay aside my little playthings,
Place them near my little grave,
Plant a rosebush by my tombstone,
Let its blossoms o'er me wave.

Kiss me, kiss me, darling mother,
Kiss me, kiss me, ere I die;
Christ will fold me to His bosom,
He will soothe my infant cry.
—*J. H. Ellsworth.*

List of Traverse Jurors.

The following is the list of traverse jurors drawn Dec. 5th, for a court of Common Pleas to be held at Smethport, the third Monday of January.

Acre, Daniel—Keating twp.
Anderson, Otto—Mt. Jewett.
Ash, Barney—Bradford city.
Brandon, D. M.—Otto twp.
Connelley, Thomas—Keating twp.
Creese, S. J.—Foster twp.
Carpenter, W. O.—Lafayette.
Cone, John—Liberty twp.
Doty, J. W.—Bradford.
Dexter, M. D.—Liberty twp.
Davis, Joshua—Kane.
Dunn, Thomas—Ceres twp.
Gilbert, Charles D.—Kendall.
Grigsby, Wm.—Smethport.
Hafner, Wm.—Hamlin twp.
Hager, B. B.—Bradford.
Harris, Joel—Eldred twp.
Jeffords, J.—Bradford.
Knight, Wesley—Smethport.
Karlson, Wm.—Wetmore twp.
Lovejoy, C. A. B.—Otto twp.
Lee, Schuyler—Foster twp.
Magnor, John—Keating twp.
McLee, Joseph—Smethport.
McCarty, L. C.—Keating twp.
Mott, J. R.—Port Allegany.
Merchan, John—Otto twp.
Mahoney, James—Annin twp.
Mitchell, J. R.—Kendall.
Nibood, J.—Bradford.
Newburgh, Albert—Mt. Jewett.
Reilly, Andrew Jr.—Smethport.
Rice, H. M.—Eldred.
Rockwell, F. M.—Eldred.
Simpson, Darius—Annin twp.
Sheldon, Charles—Keating twp.
Taylor, B. G.—Bradford.
Winship, George—Port Allegany.
Wainman, T. C.—Eldred.
Warwick, T. J.—Bradford.

Card of Thanks.

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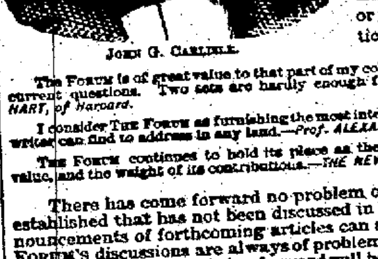

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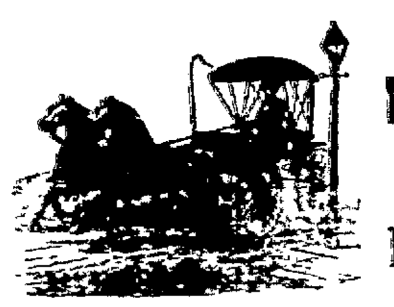

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BREVITIES

MEN OF LETTERS.

John Walter, the new managing editor of The London Times, is only 33.

As an editor of The Southern Literary Messenger Poe received $800 per annum.

Col. Thomas W. Knox received at Paris the highest award given to any author of juvenile books.

Mark Twain is reported to be growing indolent with his advancing years. He retires early to bed and never breakfasts before 10 o'clock.

Edwin Arnold is described as "a big somewhat uncouth looking poet, with thick, ugly features, straggling beard and hair, dreamy eyes and exquisite sweetness of expression."

J. Henry Shorthouse, author of "John Inglesant," being asked recently as to his favorite novel, answered: "I think I place George Eliot's 'Silas Marner' first, both as a work of art and as fulfilling, to me, all the needs and requirements of a work of fiction."

Charles E. Barnes, author of "The Disillusioned Occultist" and "A Portrait in Crimson," is a slight man, of about 26, with an intense, thoughtful face and large dark eyes. He is a man of wealth and leisure, has traveled extensively in the east, and recently journeyed from Japan to Jerusalem.

Victor Hugo, when writing "Notre Dame," prepared on the first day a bottle of ink, the last drops of which were exhausted with the last line of the novel, this gave him the notion of naming the book "The Contents of a Bottle of Ink," he departed from this idea, however, and made over the title to Alphonse Karr, who has sent out several novels under this designation.

The late Sir Percy Shelley, son of the great poet, was an eccentric creature. Once he asked a well known English litterateur to visit him and promised to show him something of interest. The man of letters expected a sight of the poet Shelley's manuscripts, and was disappointed to find that the baronet wished him to examine a new method of producing stage thunder he had invented.

Walt Whitman is the most picturesque character in American literature today. His splendid wealth of white hair is a fitting frame for a face of majestic beauty. His magnificent figure is not yet bowed by the weight of seventy winters. In his youth he described himself as a "rough," and he was in the habit of associating with stage drivers, and he sometimes handled the reins and drove down Broadway, New York, dressed in outrageous style.

MEN YOU HEAR OF

Buffalo Bill recently climbed Mount Vesuvius. He was pleased with the crater.

Tennyson invariably destroys every letter he opens if it contain a request for his autograph.

The pope is supposed to have an annual income of considerably over half a million sterling.

The Earl of Egmont recently sold the whole of his large estate in Kilkenny and Tipperary to his Irish tenants.

Gayarre the great Spanish tenor who died recently was, like Campanini, the son of a blacksmith, and worked at the forge in his early years.

The late Mr Grady is credited with having coined the phrase, "A Young Napoleon of Finance," with which he baptized H. Victor Newcomb.

Speaker Reed is not a great smoker, but in the seclusion of his home puffs a pipe at intervals. He hates the odor of a cigarette and considers chewing bad form.

The late Capt. Ericsson is reputed to have been a man of remarkable physical strength. It is related of him that at the age of 60 he picked up and walked away with a bar of iron that two stout workmen had declared themselves unable to move.

Gladstone is 80 years old, but his mind and body are in as fine a condition as when he was only three score. His voice is still clear and ringing and he is never thrown off his guard. He is tall, slim and bony, has been all his life fond of healthy out of door exercises, and to this he attributes his vigorous old age.

Fifty years have elapsed since Field Marshal von Moltke received the order Pour le Merite for his services in Turkey. On March 8 1870 after sixty years of military service he received the star of the same order. The four sovereigns who besides him possessed this order—William I, Alexander II, Frederick and Prince Friedrich Karl—are no more, so that Moltke alone wears this golden star with the portrait of Frederick the Great.

SPEED AND POWER OF BIRDS.

The vulture is said to fly at times at the rate of above 100 miles an hour.

The wild goose and the swallow, in their migrations, make 90 miles an hour.

The power exerted by the eagle in full flight is but a fraction of one horse power.

The common crow ordinarily lounges across country at the rate of 25 miles an hour, the speed of a railway train.

The carrier pigeon has flown long distances at rates of speed ranging from 60 up to 80 miles an hour, and for many hours together.

The power exerted by a pigeon flying is 2,200 feet per minute, 25 miles an hour nearly, at 1-200 of a horse power per pound, or 9½ horse power for a flying machine of equally good form, weighing one ton, at 25 miles an hour, or about 50 horse power per ton weight at 50 miles.

The pelican has an expenditure of 1 11 horse power by 21 pounds of bird, and this is one horse power to 231 pounds, or about a horse power for the weight of a man, allowing ample margin for surplus power. The birds are found to have a surplus lifting power of about one-half. —The Forum.

CRISP CONDENSATIONS.

Of the aliens who took out in England letters of naturalization last year, only three were Americans.

Constantinople has a real German turnverein, which recently celebrated its twentieth birthday.

The admission fee to the Melbourne stock exchange is $3,000, and seats are in demand at that figure.

It appears that there are only five working men justices of the peace in Great Britain. Three of them are in England and two in Scotland.

A great flight of locusts, calculated to have covered about 2,000 square miles, lately passed across the Red sea from the African to the Arabian shore.

A wire rope weighing 40,000 pounds and two and a half miles long was shipped from the Hazzard Rope works, Wilkesbarre, recently, to Seattle, Wash.

The new bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis has three spans, each 517½ feet in length, resting on four granite piers, the superstructure being of steel.

A butcher of Coblentz, in Germany, recently discovered in the entrails of a bull he had killed a gold ring bearing the inscription: "Napoleon III, Emperor, 1862."

An Eiffel tower of ice is to be constructed in Montreal for the winter carnival instead of the usual ice palace. It will be 266 feet high and illuminated by the electric light.

"The Angelus" is watched night and day in the hall where it hangs in New York by a man whose duty it is, on an alarm of fire, to take the costly painting under his arm and make for the street.

There are 636 periodical publications in Russia. Seventy-eight of them are political and news dailies, 109 are scientific, 66 religious, 15 artistic, 53 agricultural, 83 statistical and bibliographical, 15 pedagogic 13 for children, and the rest miscellaneous.

In a length of only seventy-eight miles, a railway on the French island of Reunion has four tunnels aggregating nearly seven miles, with many deep cuttings and high embankments, forty three large bridges, including one of 1 640 and one of 1,312 feet, together with 200 bridges and culverts of less than 33 feet.

DOINGS OF ROYALTY

The younger brother of King Carlos of Portugal has thirty given names.

Prince Bismarck received 600 telegrams of congratulation on New Year's day.

Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain boasts that she is more in debt than any woman in Europe.

The last words of the late ex-empress of Brazil were "Alas, Brazil, Brazil, that beautiful country, I cannot return there."

Portugal's new king is an enthusiastic sportsman, an accomplished musician, speaks seven languages and paints in water color.

The czar accidentally touched the button regulating the electric lighting of the Gatschina palace, the lights went out and he was frightened nearly to death.

The Empress Elizabeth of Austria was one of the most beautiful women in Europe before the tragical death of her only son, the archduke, crushed her to the earth.

An Italian newspaper states that Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria has made King Humbert a present of 10,000 Virginia cigars. He has a special factory where these cigars are made for himself and his royal friends.

Queen Victoria is very fond of music and is a very good musician. She studied music with Mendelssohn and singing with Lablache. As a consequence of this teaching she prefers the old Italian music to any other, but at the same time she can appreciate anything that is good in the modern music. She is particularly fond of "Robin Adair" and such simple and old fashioned ballads.

THE GENTLER SEX

The name of Miss Emily Faithfull has been placed on the English civil list, with a pension of £53 a year.

No one wears more gorgeous diamonds in Washington than Mrs. Morton, and her manner is most engaging and cordial.

Miss Julia Fletcher, author of "Kismet" and other novels more or less popular, is tall and handsome, about 30 years old, with large dark eyes.

The Duchess D Uzes is training an original Christy minstrel corps of her own for public appearance in Paris. The duchess is a patron of horse races and other outdoor sports.

The late Mrs. Haggard of Bradenham, Eng., the mother of Rider Haggard, was an accomplished woman of literary tastes, and was known as the author of volumes of verse. One of these was a tale of the Afghan war.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is said to be one of those women whose audience always seems to be her guests. She is gracious and kindly but she always seems to stand a step higher than those whom she is addressing.

Anna Teresa Berger is the leading woman cornetist of the world. At her lodgings she has a small room fitted up with padded walls and ceiling and draped doors and there she practices night and day on the gold and silver cornets that have been presented to her by her admirers.

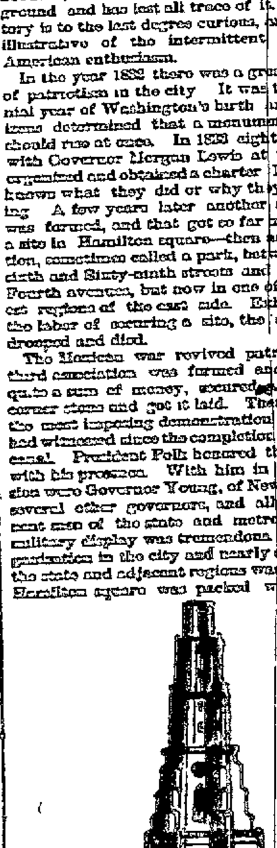
A LOST CORNER STONE.

How New York City Began a Washington Monument.

New York city sadly confesses a series of failures in the monument line. She insists that she will erect a monument to Gen Grant, and that it will be a beauty and a glory but her past experience in beginning such things and then abandoning them is both ludicrous and discouraging. Most ridiculous of all, perhaps, is the fact that she once laid the corner stone of a Washington monument with imposing ceremonies, then forgot all about it, allowed the stone to be sold with the ground and has lost all trace of it. The history is to the last degree curious, and highly illustrative of the intermittent nature of American enthusiasm.

In the year 1832 there was a great revival of patriotism in the city. It was the centennial year of Washington's birth and the citizens determined that a monument to him should rise at once. In 1833 eighty citizens, with Governor Morgan Lewis at their head, organized and obtained a charter. No one now knows what they did or why they did nothing. A few years later another association was formed, and that got so far as to secure a site in Hamilton square—then an open section, sometimes called a park, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-ninth streets and Third and Fourth avenues, but now in one of the densest regions of the east side. Exhausted by the labor of securing a site, the association drooped and died.

The Mexican war revived patriotism. A third association was formed and it raised quite a sum of money, secured a handsome corner stone and got it laid. Then occurred the most imposing demonstration New York had witnessed since the completion of the Erie canal. President Polk honored the occasion with his presence. With him in the procession were Governor Young, of New York, and several other governors, and all the prominent men of the state and metropolis. The military display was tremendous. Every organization in the city and nearly every one in the state and adjacent regions was there and Hamilton square was packed with people.



THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Rev Dr Vermilyea offered prayer. Governor Young, trowel in hand, "laid the corner stone," and the ladies covered it with flowers. The inscription on the stone tells the story of the time and occasion, viz.

This corner stone of a monument to the
memory of
George Washington
was laid with appropriate ceremonies on the
19th day of October, 1847
the anniversary of the surrender of
Lord Cornwallis
to Gen. Washington, at Yorktown,
A. D. 1781,
under the auspices of the
Washington Monument Asso. of the
City of New York.

Patriotic speeches were made and money handed in, and then—what? Nothing apparently, for the monument did not rise. Boys playing in the square for years afterwards destroyed the shed over the corner stone. The square, very high land originally, was graded down as the city grew, and finally the land was sold. In 1857 one Terence Farley, alderman, got a big contract to cart the surplus dirt to the "swamp" below, and presumably carted away the corner stone, for it disappeared. And no man knoweth of its location unto this day. Interest in the subject being revived, there are many queries as to what became of the money, the mementoes under the stone itself. But those who could answer are dead, including Mr Farley. Is it not a ludicrous outcome for a great city enterprise? And slightly humiliating?

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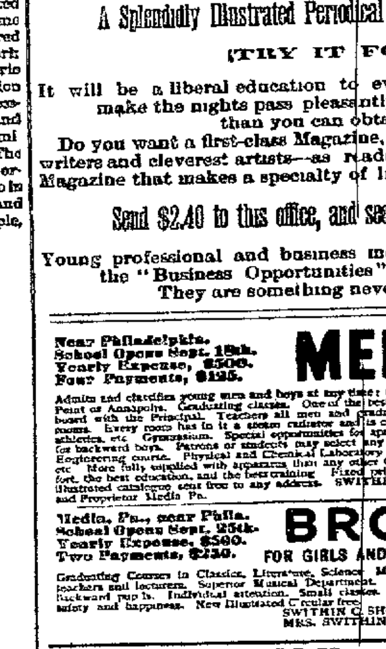
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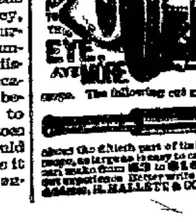

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4 50	10 39	7 54	Rixford	8 46	3 32	6 15
4 45	10 34	7 49	Duke Centre	9 12	3 36	6 30
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5 34	1 28	8 23	Aiken	8 57	10 47	5 52
5 40	1 21	8 16	Davis	8 44	10 54	5 59
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8.55 p. m.—Erie Mail daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Phila., New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 a. m., New York 9:30 a. m., Baltimore 6.45 a. m., Washington 7:20 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and through passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

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8.30	1.13	Hammonds	5.04	5.04
8.25	1.08	Fish Basket	5.07	5.08
8.2	1.03	Olmsted	5.12	5.12
8 17	1.00	Nelsons	5.17	5 17
8.09	1.52	Knowlton	5.24	5.26
8 05	12.45	Roulette	5.31	5.34
7.54	1.40	Pomeroy Bridge	5.36	5.39
7.51	12.31	Burtville	5.45	5.48
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